

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Hunter on 17 March 2009.
3. The claims filed 8 March 2010 have been amended as follows.

In claim 1:

- On the fourth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the last line of the claim, delete the parenthesis “)”.

In claim 10:

- On the fifth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the last line of the claim, delete the parenthesis “)”.

In claim 11:

- On the fifth line of text in the claim, delete the bracket “[“.

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- On the fourteenth line of text in the claim, replace the bracket "]" with a semicolon.
- On the fourteenth line of text in the claim, replace "proton and onium salt is" with "protons and onium salts are", and replace "molecule" with "carbanion reactive compound".
- On the eighteenth line of text (the second line on page 6 of the claims), delete the parenthesis "(".
- On the last line of the claim, replace the parenthesis ")" with a semicolon.

In claim 13:

- On the third line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis "(".
- On the last line of the claim, delete the parenthesis ").3

In claim 14:

- On the third line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis "(".
- On the sixth line of text in the claim, replace the parenthesis ")" with a comma.
- On the ninth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis "(".
- On the eleventh line of text in the claim, replace the parenthesis ")" with a comma.

In claim 15:

- On the third line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis "(".

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- On the sixth line of text in the claim, replace the parenthesis “)” with a comma.
- On the ninth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the eleventh line of text in the claim, replace the parenthesis “)” with a comma.
- On the thirteenth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the seventeenth line of text in the claim (the second line on page 9 of the claims), delete the parenthesis “)”.
- On the eighteenth line of text in the claim, delete the word “said”.
- On the twenty-first line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the last line of the claim, delete the parenthesis “)”.

In claim 17:

- On the third line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the sixth line of text in the claim, replace the parenthesis “)” with a comma.
- On the ninth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the eleventh line of text in the claim, replace the parenthesis “)” with a comma.
- On the thirteenth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the seventeenth line of text in the claim (the third line on page 11 of the claims), delete the parenthesis “)”.
- On the twenty-sixth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “)”.

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In claim 19:

- On the third line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the sixth line of text in the claim, replace the parenthesis “)” with a comma.
- On the ninth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the eleventh line of text in the claim, replace the parenthesis “)” with a comma.
- On the thirteenth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the seventeenth line of text in the claim (the second line on page 13 of the claims), delete the parenthesis “)”.
- On the twenty-sixth line of text in the claim, delete the parenthesis “)”.
- On the thirtieth line of text in the claim (the first line on page 14 of the claims), delete the parenthesis “(“.
- On the thirty-sixth line of text in the claim (the first line on page 14 of the claims), delete the parenthesis “)”.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the present amendment to exclude certain groups for R1, R2 and y1 when Z1 is an alkali metal has overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, first paragraph set forth previously. The various amendments to correct informalities have overcome the objections set forth previously. The claims were previously rejected on double-patenting grounds over

copending application no. 11/908462. Because the present application is earlier-filed and the double-patenting rejection is the sole remaining rejection, it has been withdrawn per MPEP 804.04(I)(B)(1).

5. The prior art fails to disclose or suggest the presently recited diamine compounds and polymers derived therefrom. Related art that does not bar an allowance was cited in paragraph 7 of the Office action mailed on 10 November 2008, and in paragraphs 27-28 of the Office action mailed on 8 December 2009.

6. US Patent No. 7,342,070 discloses structurally similar amino-silane compounds as initiators and post-functionalizers (e.g. see claims 1 and 19). These compounds are not diamines as are presently recited, and therefore US Pat '070 does not bar an allowance of the present claims.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RICHARD A. HUHN whose telephone number is (571) 270-7345. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM EST.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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